

March 3, 2025

The Honorable Pat Proctor, Chairperson
House Committee on Elections
300 SW 10th Avenue, Room 218-N
Topeka, Kansas 66612

Dear Representative Proctor:

SUBJECT: Fiscal Note for HB 2258 by Representative Ballard

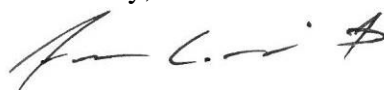
In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning HB 2258 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

Under current law, the Secretary of State appoints the election commissioner in counties that have a population exceeding 125,000 and the election commissioner administers the Office of Commissioner of Elections. On or after July 1, 2025, under HB 2258, the Secretary of State would no longer appoint any person to the Office of County Election Commissioner. Upon the vacancy in the office in any county, all jurisdiction, powers, and duties of the office relating to the conduct of elections would be transferred to the county clerk of such county. In addition, all files, books, records, papers, documents, and data under the jurisdiction and control of the office would be transferred and delivered to the county clerk. Current law would cease to have force and effect on the date that no person holds the office.

The Secretary of State indicates it would use existing resources to update public materials concerning the election process. Any fiscal effect associated with HB 2258 is not reflected in *The FY 2026 Governor's Budget Report*.

The Kansas Association of Counties states enactment of HB 2258 could have a fiscal effect on counties during the transition from an election commissioner to a county clerk; however, the Association is unable to estimate a precise fiscal effect.

Sincerely,



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Director of the Budget

cc: Jay Hall, Kansas Association of Counties
Sandy Tompkins, Office of the Secretary of State